Welcome to Worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church



By the grace of God, we are disciples growing in faith, serving our communities and connecting others to Christ.

November 22, 2026
9 a.m. Service Bulletin
Ordinary Time
Year A Lectionary

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO WORSHIP WITH US!

WE BELIEVE THAT GUESTS ARE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, and we seek to make your visit faithful and positive! Please scan the QR code to left or sign the Pew Register (red notebook) as it is passed down your pew.

WE BELIEVE THAT SERVING CHRIST MEANS SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS. Our name, Immanuel, means "God with us." Everything we do is to welcome and serve the Lord who is here among us, in you, and in our neighbors. Our ministries, from our Worship to our Soup Kitchen and Food Bank, from our Jail Ministry to our Women's Drug Recovery house, from our Homeless Children's Ministry to our Campus Ministry at Lander University, are all designed and carried out to share "God with us" with our surrounding neighborhood and city. God's Love is inexhaustible! People from all around town work alongside us to share this Love with our neighbors. You can too!

WE BELIEVE THAT CHURCH is where disagreements may occur, and the love of Christ draws us together to worship and work together. We do not all agree on everything, but we do love God and each other, and that is enough!

WE BELIEVE THAT GOD LOVES EVERYONE, so we do too! ALL are welcome here!

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

On this final Sunday of the church year the Gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

☩ WELCOME John Kinard, Council Member of the Day
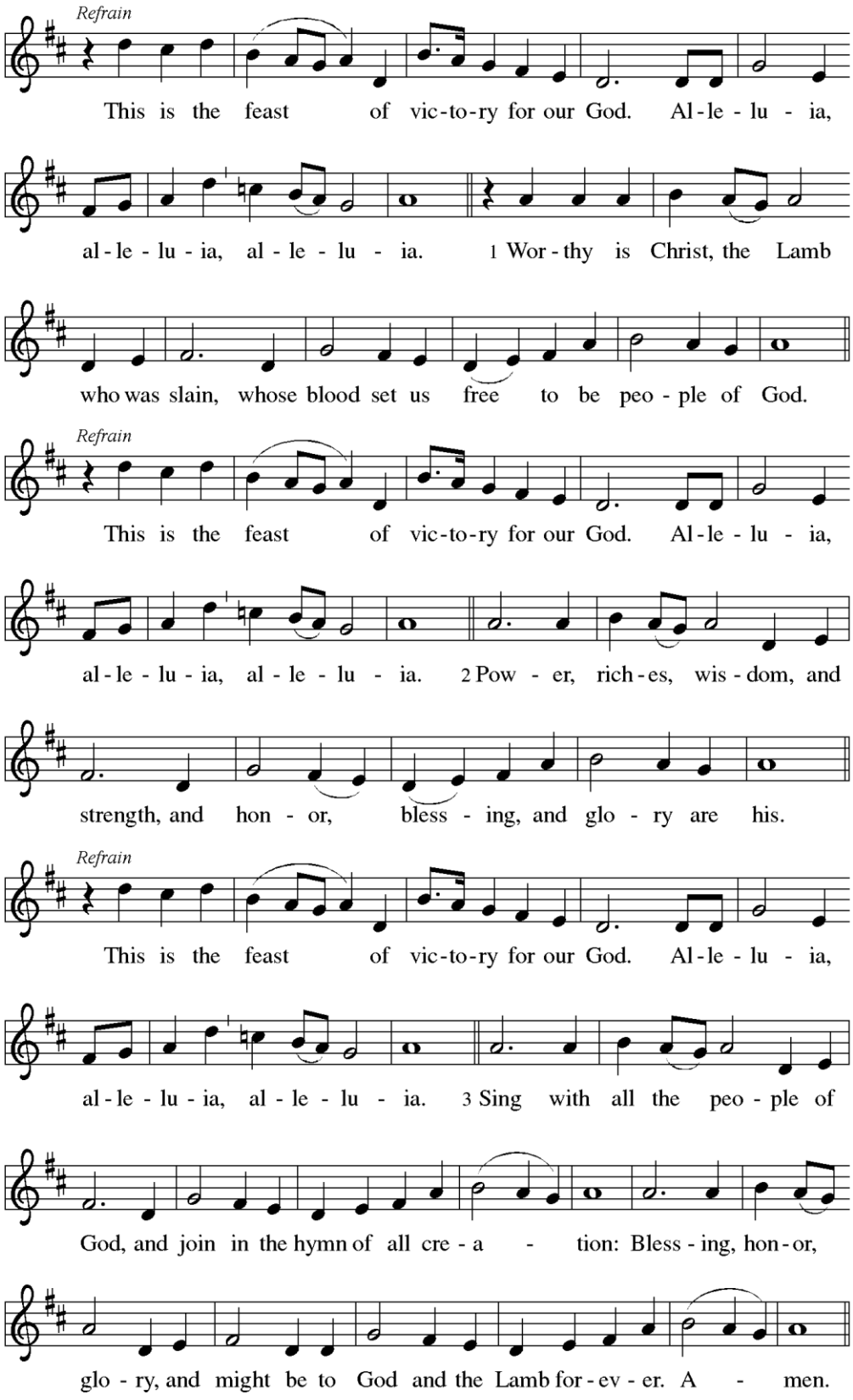
As the prelude begins, please prepare your heart and mind for Worship in SILENT meditation.

☩ PRELUDE *O Worship the King* Patricia Hurlbutt
The Immanuel Resurrection Ringers

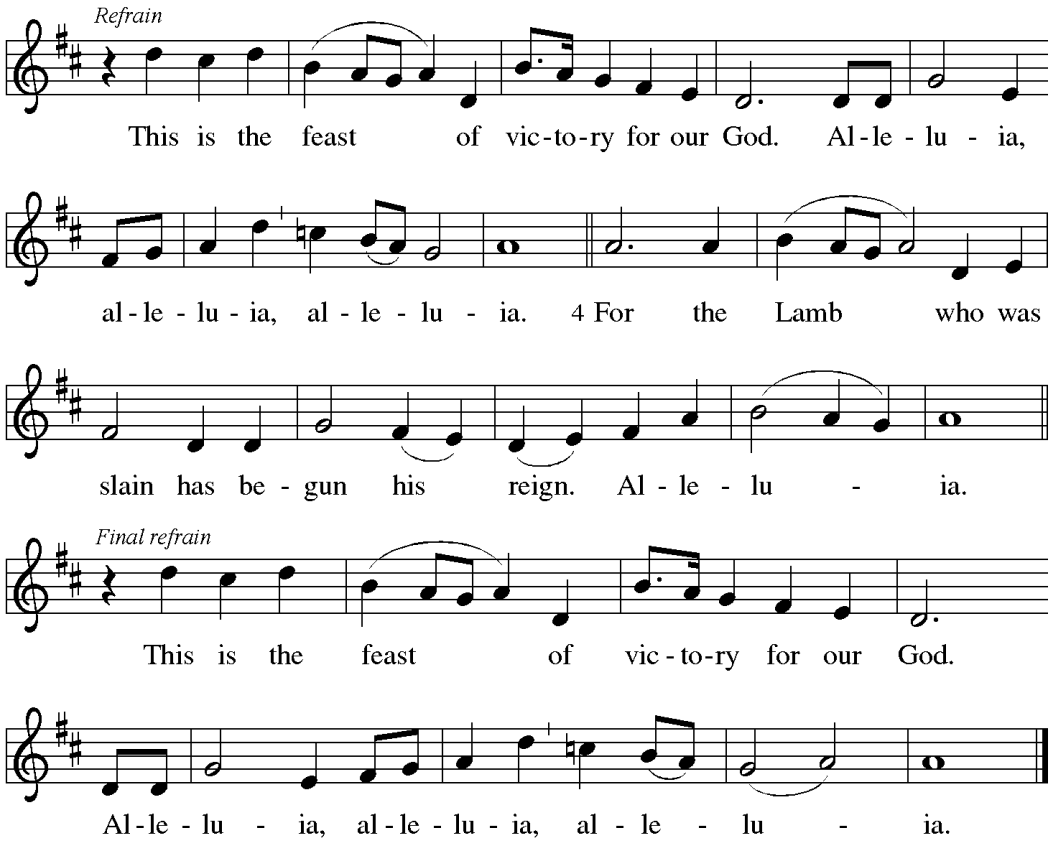
✢ Opening Hymn of Praise

ELW Setting #3

Please stand, as you are able.



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✢ APOSTOLIC GREETING

The Rev. Chris Christopher, Pastor

Pastor The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL **And also with you.**

✢ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor O God of power and might, Jesus shows us the way of service, and in Christ we inherit the riches of your grace.

ALL **Provide us with the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have created, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

✢ LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Summary

Lector *Since Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people. Now, the lesson from the book of Ezekiel in the Old Testament.*

Lector [11] Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them
out. [12] As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I
will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been
scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. [13] I will bring them out from the
peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land,
and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the
inhabited parts of the land. [14] I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain
heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land,
and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. [15] I myself will be the
shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. [16] I will
seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I
will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them
with justice.

[20] Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat
sheep and the lean sheep. [21] Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted
at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, [22] I
will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between
sheep and sheep.

[23] I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them;
he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24] And I the Lord will be their God, and
my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

Lector Here ends the lesson.

ALL **Thanks be to God.**

✢ Psalm 95:1-7a

Lector [1] Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

ALL [2] **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

Lector [3] For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

ALL [4] **In your hand are the caverns of the Earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

Lector [5] The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

ALL [6] **Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

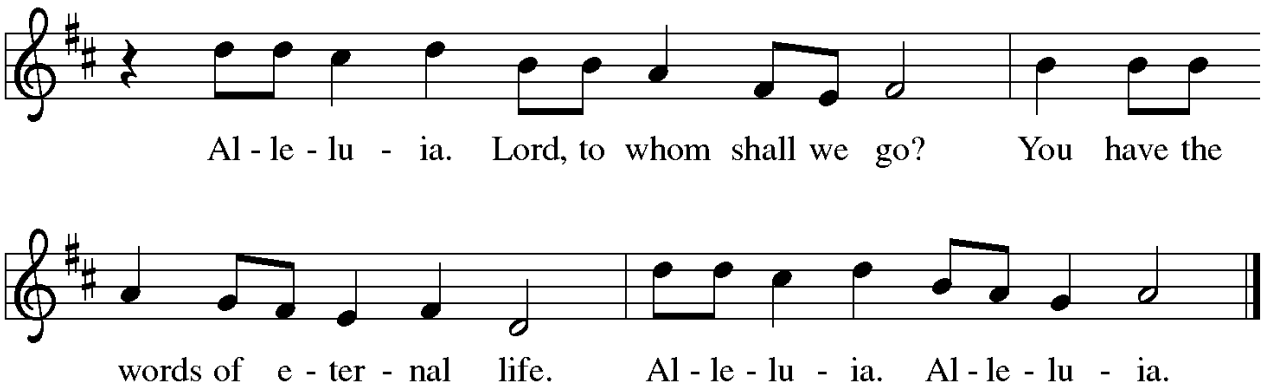
Lector [7a] For the Lord is our God,

ALL **and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.**

✢ Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting #3

Please stand, as you are able.



✢ Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the 25th chapter.
ALL **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pastor Jesus said to the disciples: 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the
angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be
gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd
separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and
the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you
who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and
you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was
naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison
and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that
we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to
drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked
and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and
visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to
one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he
will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the
eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me
no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you
did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison
and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we
saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take
care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it
to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into
eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.
ALL **Praise to you, O Christ.**
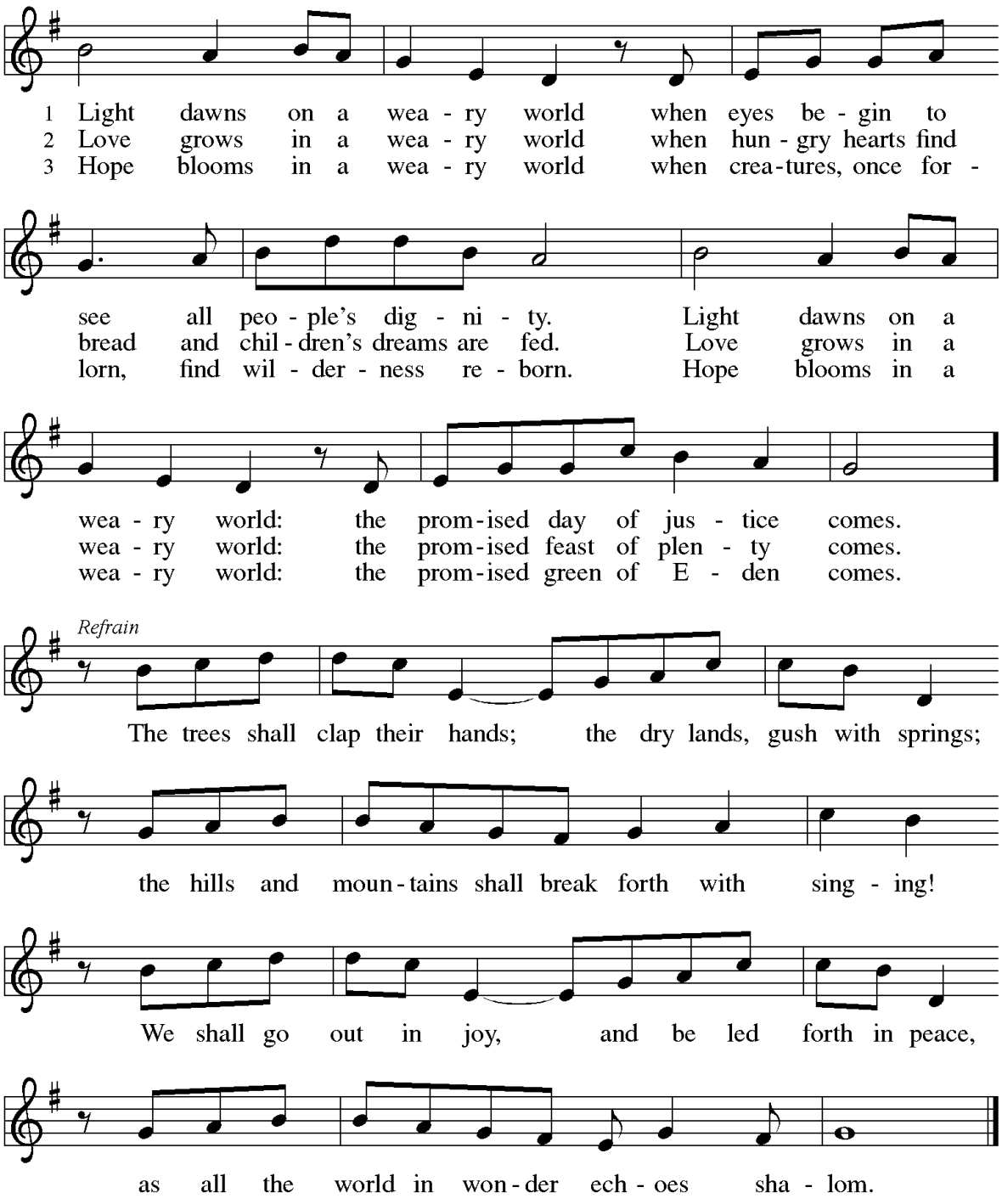
✢ Sermon The Rev. Chris Christopher

Please be seated.

✝ HYMN OF THE DAY

Light Dawns on a Weary World ELW # 726

Please stand, as you are able.



Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951
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☩ Nicene Creed

AM = Assisting Minister

AM Living together in joy, let us confess our faith.

ALL **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

☩ Prayers of Intercession

Please be seated or kneel.

AM United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and ALL of creation.

Silence for preparation

AM Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,

ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM All the heights, depths, and expanses of the Earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination. God, in your mercy,

ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy,

AM **hear our prayer.**

AM Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, physical, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Be with all in our community and the world who are oppressed. God, in your mercy,

ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,

ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day.
God, in your mercy,

ALL **hear our prayer.**

AM Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray,
in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

ALL **AMEN.**

✢ Confession

Confession is a time to clear our conscience, acknowledge shortcomings, and receive God's assurance of forgiveness before hearing the Word and sharing Holy Communion.

Pastor Holy God,

ALL **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. AMEN.**

✢ Absolution

Declaration of forgiveness

Pastor Inherit the riches of God's grace. ✢ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

ALL **AMEN.**

✢ Peace

Please stand, as you are able.

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us turn to our AV Team and those worshiping with us on-line and on the radio and say together,

ALL **the peace of the Lord be with you.**

✢ Announcements

Please see insert.

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Holy Communion

*During this time the ushers will pass the offering plates. If you prefer, you may give remotely by scanning the QR code to the left or visiting our website www.ilcgreenwood.com and selecting GIVE from the menu. THANK YOU for your generosity.

✝ OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices* Robert J. Powell
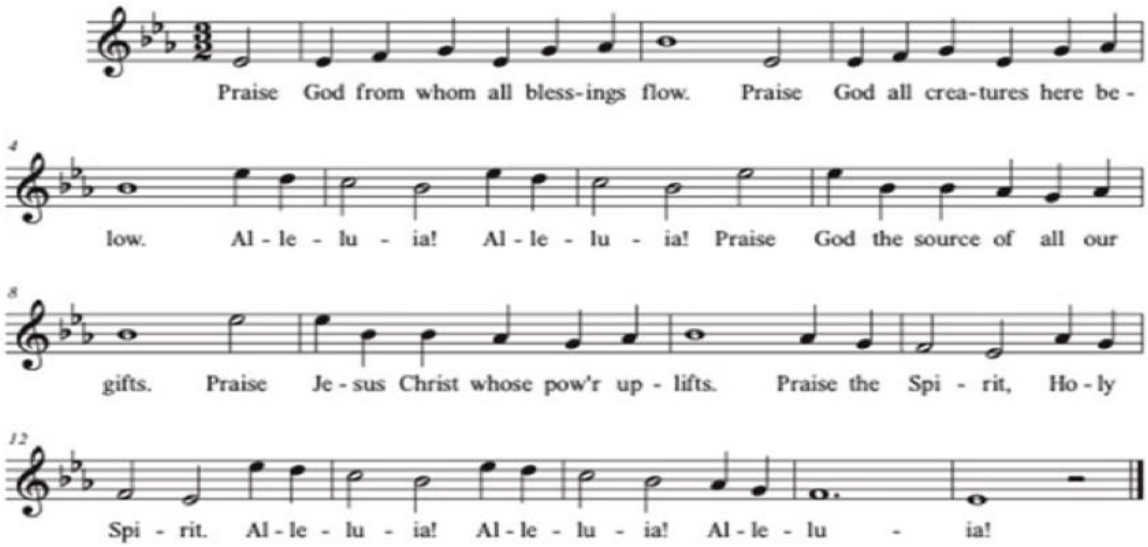
The Chancel Choir

Hark, ten thousand harps and voices sound the note of praise above! Jesus reigns, and Heav'n rejoices, Jesus reigns, the God of love; See, He sits on yonder throne; Jesus rules the world alone. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen! Jesus, hail! Whose glory brightens all above, and gives it worth; Lord of life, Thy smile enlightens, Cheers, and charms Thy saints on Earth; When we think of love like Thine, Lord, we own it love divine. King of glory, reign forever! Thine an everlasting crown. Nothing fromThy love shall sever those whom Thou hast made Thine own: Happy objects of Thy grace, Destined to behold Thy face. Savior, hasten Thine appearing; Bring, O bring the glorious day, when, the awful summons bearing Heaven and Earth shall pass away; Then with all the saints we'll sing, Glory, glory to our king! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen!

✝ DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Please stand, as you are able.

LASST UNS ERFRUEEN



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✢ Offertory Prayer

Pastor Eternal God,

ALL **our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

✢ Great Thanksgiving

Pastor The Lord be with you.

ALL **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

ALL **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

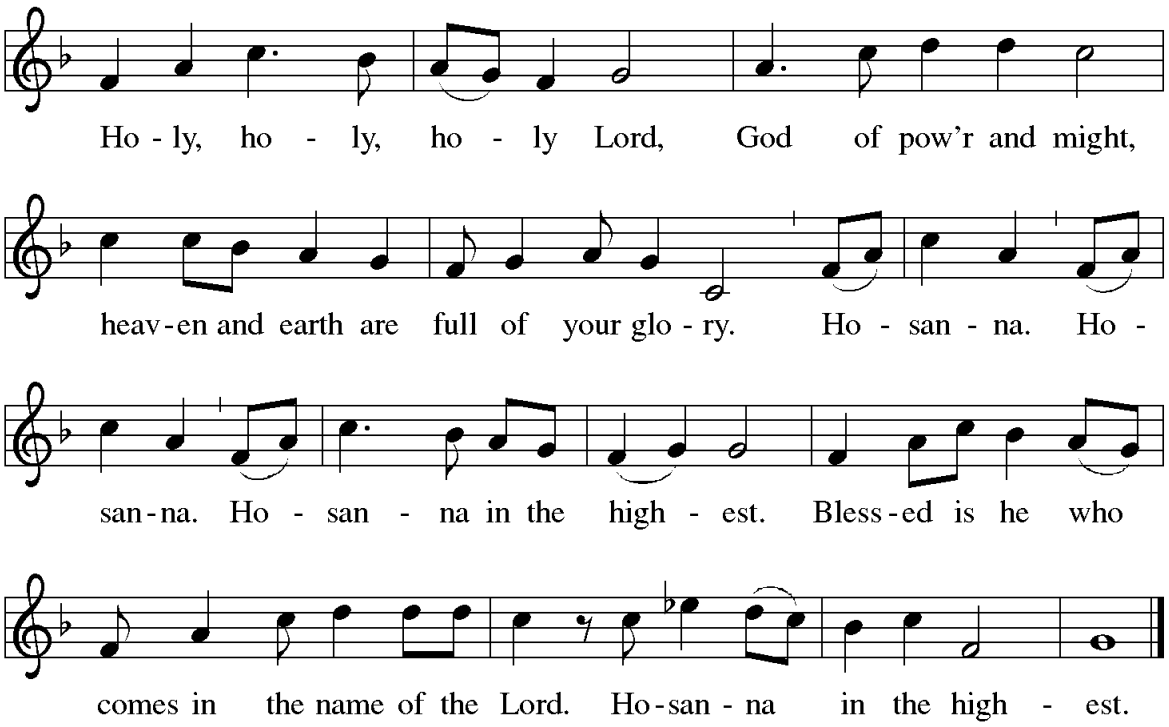
ALL **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

✢ Proper Preface

Pastor It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God. Through our savior Jesus Christ who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious Resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so with the choirs of angels, with the church on Earth, and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



✢ SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy* ELW Setting 3



✢ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

✢ LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

ALL **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN.**

✢ Invitation to Communion

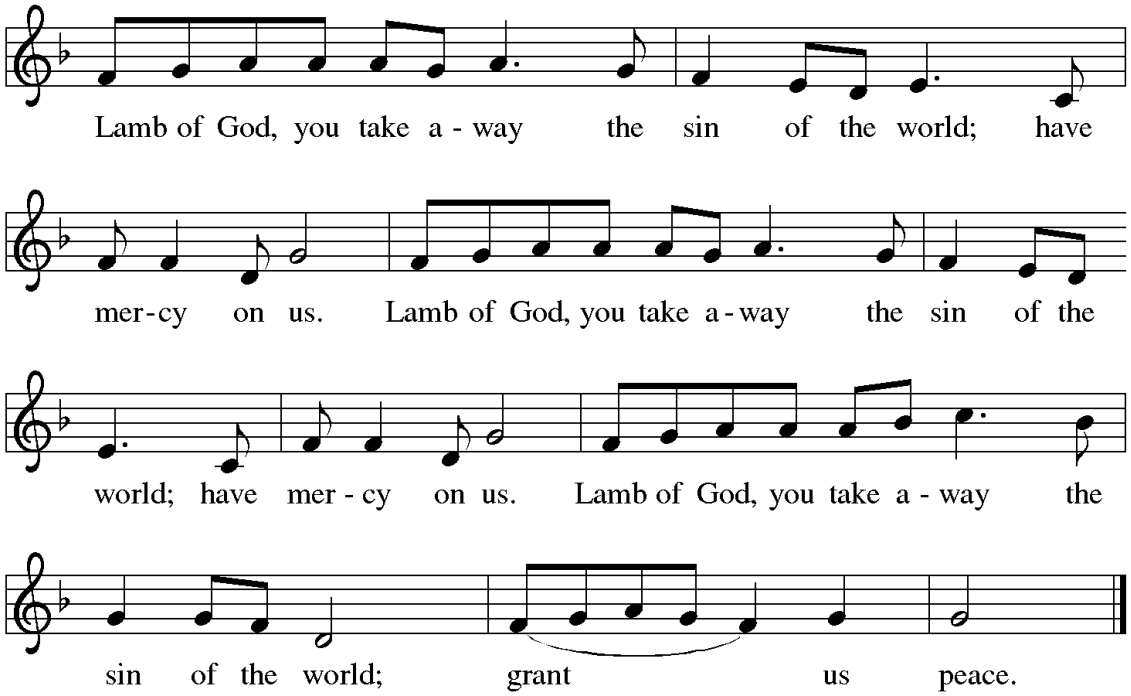
Please be seated.

Pastor In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

ALL are invited regardless of your understanding, your faith background, or sense of worth. Christ invites you. Jesus gives himself for you; Yes, for YOU. So come, come to the Table of the Lord. Communion is distributed by intinction, the dipping of the bread into the cup. The silver cups hold wine. The stoneware cups hold grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request; please ask for gluten free as you approach the server. Prepackaged elements are available inside a bowl at the head of the aisle. ALL are welcome to use the chancel rail for private prayer during the distribution.

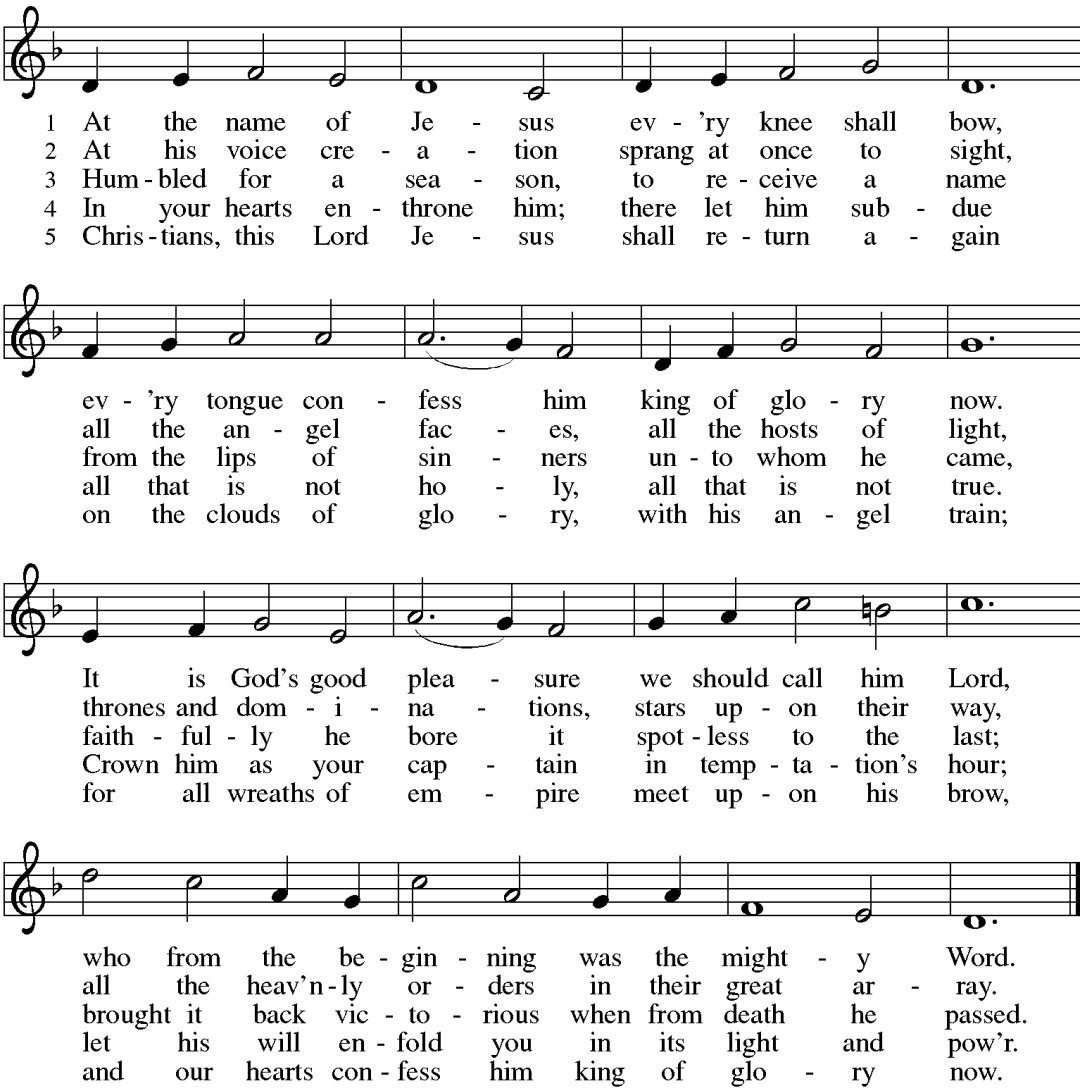
✢ Agnus Dei

Lamb of God ELW Setting 3



✢ Communion Music

At the Name of Jesus ELW # 416



Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1817–1877
Music: KING'S WESTON, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
Music from *Songs of Praise*, © Oxford University Press 1925.

✢ Blessing after Communion

Please stand, as you are able.

Pastor The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's Grace!

ALL **AMEN!**

✢ Post - Communion Prayer

Pastor Holy God,

ALL **we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. AMEN.**

✢ Benediction

Pastor The holy Trinity, Creator, ✢ Redeemer, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

ALL **AMEN.**

✢ Dismissal
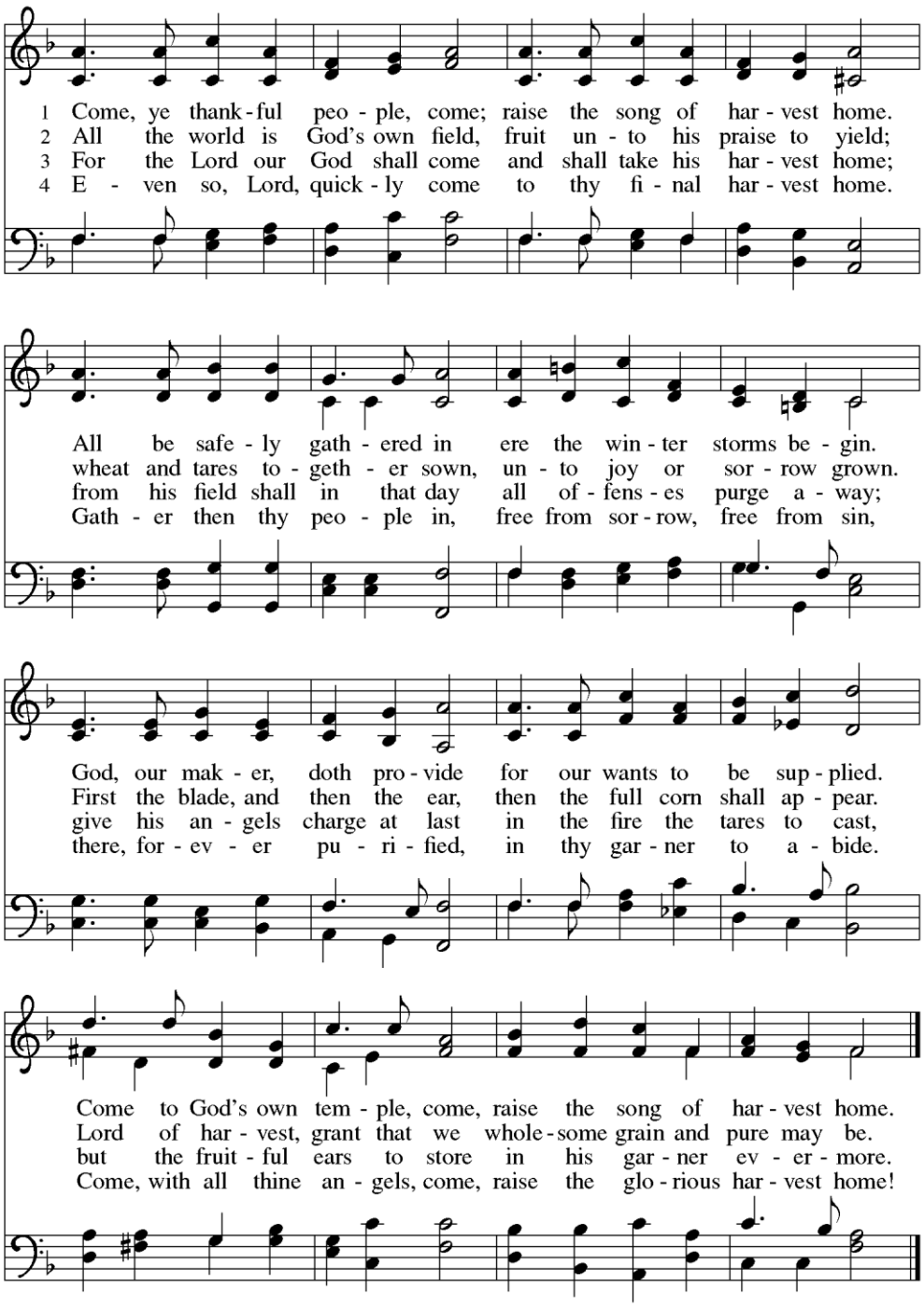
Pastor Go in peace. Encourage one another.

ALL **Thanks be to God.**

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✢ Closing Hymn *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ELW # 693



Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

✢ Postlude *The Royal Banners* James Mansfield

THANK YOU to those serving in Worship today!

Council Member of the Day	John Kinard
Pastor	Chris Christopher
Lector / Assisting Minister	Danny Kinard
Organist and Pianist	Dr. Will Cleveland
Communion Assistants	Carl Monson, John Kinard, and Danny Kinard
Sound and Video Technician(s)	Larry Hammond and Ashley Starks
Altar Guild	Sue Kaufman and Kim Leemhuis
Ushers	Irene Price and Leisa Hotchkiss
Counters	Cile Davis and John Davis
Officer on Duty	Kevin Reeder

Altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Immanuel's dedicated ministries by Erwin and Kat Finkbeiner.

☩ Prayer List

*Please email Dr. Will to add or remove names and if anyone n eeds visitation.

Those in need of healing: Linda Beveridge, Stephanie Branch, Wayne Cannon, Tom Carter, Vicky Crawford, Patricia Carteron, Steve Crooks, Oliver Conaty, Laquana Davis, the family of Spencer Franks, Cheryl Gagné, Michael Gagné, the Goodman family, Traver Gowan, Pop Pop Gowan, Samuel Raines, John Mark Scruggs, Muriel Houde-Stickney, Tracy Koester, David Krumwiede, Juan Luna, Anna Luna, Chandler Patterson, Steve Rice, and Betty Weeks.

Those with long term needs: Grayson Brock, Bob Brock, Rick Coker, Richard Coker, Latrosha Fuller, Bruce Kaufman, Willie Fred Kennedy, Randy Knight, Lois Kuntz, Juan Luna, Nancy Nash, Martin Pueschel, Rodine Russell (NHC 226-D), Sara Russell, Jeanne Shealy, and

Those in the military: Daniel Darling, Nicholas Pueschel, and Devin Rosenbaum.

Expectant and new again parents and siblings, the women of Kinard Manor and ALL in recovery, the people fed through our Soup Kitchen Ministry and Food Pantry Ministry, the people participating in our Jail Ministry, the people of our Matthew 25:40 Ministry, along with the people they continue to help in Guatemala, and the families of Saints who have been received into their eternal rest: Helen Beach Harrell, Annette Holbrock, and Mary Temperance Peuschel.

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